(c) whether Government propose to review its decision in view of demands made by various downtrodden organizations in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance is being convened in Durban, South Africa from 30 August—7 September 2001 in the framework of UN General Assembly resolutions 52/111 dated 12 December 1997, 53/132 dated 9 December 1998, 54/154 dated 17 December 1999 and 55/84 dated 4 December 2000. The UNGA has decided that the World Conference should be action oriented and adopt a declaration and programme of action containing concrete and practical recommendations to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. These UN resolutions do not refer to discrimination on grounds not related to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

(b) The theme of the World Conference in Durban is "Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance". Government's view is that the focus of the Conference must remain on global action against racism and racial discrimination. Inclusion of issues unrelated to racism would detract from and dilute the focus on racism and racial discrimination.

(c) A National Committee has been set up by the Prime Minister under the Chairmanship of the Minister of External Affairs for the purpose of providing and coordinating inputs for India's participation at the World Conference. It has held two sessions in February and in June, 2001 respectively. The Committee has deliberated on the issues involved. It considered presentations made by NGOs at its session held in Hyderabad on 4 June, 2001. It concluded that it would not be appropriate for caste-based discrimination to be included in the purview of the World Conference. The Government proposes to act accordingly.

Extradition Treaty between India and Malaysia

544. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extradition treaty between India and Malaysia, which would have facilitated getting the Italian Business representative Ottavio Quattrochi back to India to face trial in the Bofors pay-off case, could not be signed during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Malaysia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) An Extradition Treaty is signed only after a mutually agreed text is finalized by the technical and legal experts of the two countries and is approved by the two Governments. The Extradition Treaty between India and Malaysia was not signed during the visit of the Prime Minister to Malaysia as this process was not complete.

The India request for extradition of Mr. Ottavio Quattrochi has been considered and processed by the Malaysian authorities, even without the existence of a bilateral Extradition Treaty.

Indians in Myanmar Jail

545. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian citizens now in the Myanmar jails alongwith their names;

(b) the measures taken up by Government with Myanmar Government to get them released; and

(c) the details of their terms in jail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) There are 32 Indian citizens in jails in Myanmar; their names and other details are given in the enclosed statement (*see* below). The issue of Indian prisoners in Myanmarese jails is discussed regularly at the meetings under the institutional mechanisms established for dialogue on matters of mutual concern. The Indian Embassy in Yangon maintains contact with the prisoners through consular access, checks on their welfare and attempts to expedite their release in accordance with the laws of Myanmar.

Statement

Indian Detainees in jails in Myanmar

Sl. No.	Name	Section under which convicted	Date of conviction	Term of imprisonment
1.	E. Boacha	Narcotics Act (8)d, Immigration Act 13(1)	9.9.1991	19 years & 6 months
2.	Amu(a) Abdul Rashid	Narcotics Act (8)d, Immigration Act 13(1)	9.9.1991	19 years & 6 months
3.	M.T. Shiu	Immigration Act 13(1) & 17(2), Money 24(1)	11.6.1994	2 years+8 years